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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING,
TESTING, AND INSPECTION SERVICES
AWARD AGREEMENT
VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute three agreements with Kleinfelder, Inc.; MACTEC Consulting and Engineering, Inc.; and URS Corporation for as-needed geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection services for capital and earthquake repair projects, and establish the effective dates following Board approval. The agreements will be for two years with two one-year renewal options for an aggregate not to exceed fee of \$1,500,000 each to be funded from Public Works' Facilities Project Management General Fund Budget for individual projects as they are approved by your Board.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to execute three consultant services agreements for as-needed geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing and inspection services for the repair of

earthquake-damaged facilities, facility alterations, and construction of capital projects at sites located throughout the County.

The use of independent materials testing and inspection firms during construction provides assurance that the materials, products, and processes used by the contractor meet the requirements of the construction documents. The current and anticipated workload exceeds the capacity of existing County resources, and these agreements are an efficient means of providing as-needed technical services for large and small projects while reducing procurement costs associated with individual contracts.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as these consultant agreements will support repairs, improvements, and construction of public facilities. Completion of earthquake recovery projects as well as nonearthquake repairs will provide safer access to public buildings that could prevent injuries or loss of life from future seismic events.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The geotechnical engineering services and construction materials testing and inspection consultant fees will be funded through the Public Works' Facilities Project Management General Fund Budget for individual projects as they are approved by your Board. Services provided on earthquake recovery projects will be reimbursed through FEMA/OES disaster claiming process, insurance proceeds, and a net County cost commitment, as appropriate. When services are required to meet the technical and schedule requirements of a specific project, a separate scope of work and work order will be negotiated and authorized for each project within contract limitations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program/General Relief Opportunity for Work participants for future employment.

Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Services Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Awarding these agreements will have no environmental impact. Any services performed pursuant to these agreements will be on projects for which environmental documentation has been completed.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On September 30, 2003, Public Works issued a request for proposals to 37 firms for these services. Nine firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. The proposals were evaluated by Public Works based on technical expertise, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, Public Works selected Kleinfelder, MACTEC, and URS as the three best qualified firms. The fees submitted have been reviewed by Public Works and are considered reasonable for the services provided.

Community Business Enterprise participation data, required certification forms, and three-year contracting history for each firm are on file with Public Works.

Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.201) does not apply to the recommended agreements as these agreements are for non-Proposition A services.

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As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, these contract opportunities were listed on the "Doing Business with Us" website.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these agreements will have no impact on current County services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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